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OBIECTED CHUBY

stood full in my path, and caught me by the "Hulle!" said he, "You're jast in time;

you are wanted at the cross roads to night !" L stood quite still, and strave to show

him by my manner that I was able to protect think of him?" What the deuce am I wanted at the cross

roads for ?" said I, "Unless I choose, it will be a very hard matter to get me there?" Hut instead of producing a pistol and demanding my money or my life, the man answered in an altered tone.

"Beg pardon, I made a mistake, I thought it was my brother, and I wanted to frighten

him. Bad night sir." Very, " said I.

En II L. "I said, diffinition Thank ye, sir," said the man. "Good

"Good night," said I.

If his object had been robbery, probably he had decided from my rough appearance that 1

was too poor a man to be worth the trouble. But after all, I thought probably he spoke the truth. A man may have such a voice without being a highway man, no doubt. So I went homeward, and soon found myself under shelt- his wildest laughs. er, and partaking of a warm and savory sup-

My mother was there and my brother Ben. Ben was a great strapping fellow, who could beat any other boy of his age for miles around if it came to wrestling or boxing, and as good humored a boy as ever lived ; a boy always to mother and I, though he had exercised his right to vote already in one Presidential election. When supper was over, and we had chatted for an hour, we went up stairs together. The moment Ben's head touched the pillow, he always went to sleep. That night, I folwithout a dream-a dream in which I felt a rough grip upon my arm, and was arouse a cry in my ears.

"Wake up! You are wanted at the ronds."

It was so real, so talpable, that wh started broad awake, I actually believed some one was in the room; the man who tended robbery or violence. But when I arisen, and lit my lamp, the room was or except myself and Ben, who lay snoring his pillow.

I went to the door; it was locked. I to the window, the crush of rain agrins pains was all I heard. I even went acros passage to my mother's room. She was a there had been no unusual sound, she

Only a dream born of my meeting the strange man in the road, I felt, had awakened me. I went to bed and fell asleep again. Again I was awakened by the same words, this time shricked in my car by an aucarthly

"Wake up, wake up. You are wanted at the cross roads."

"What ails you?" he cried.

"Nothing," said I. "Did you hear a voice?" "Yours," said Ben, "yelling woke me up; you fairly frightened me."

"Ben," said I, "wait till I light a lamp; I heard another voice. Must be some one in the house or outside."

So I again lit a lamp, but we searched in

"Nightmare," said B., when I told him my

"Ben," said I, "what is there at the cross

"A house," said B. He had lived in the neighborhood a long while, and I not long. "One little house, beside two oak trees

and a fence. An old man lives there-a rich man, and a bit of a miser, they say. His grand daughter keeps house for him." "Ben, that fellow may have meant harm to

hem. I may be wanted at the cross roads." "Brother," said Ben, "go to sleep. You had a nightmare," and Ben plunged in be-

tween the blankets, and was snoring again. I also, in ten minutes, slept as soundly as before, but the awakening soon came again.

I opened my eyes, to see a girl standing at the foot of my bed. A girl in whites robes, with golden hair all about her shoulders, who wrung her hands and cried: "Oh, wake up, you are wanted at the cross roads."

This time I starte | out of bed, bathed in cold persperation. I trembled like a leaf. I had no doubt that I had received supernatural warning.

"Ben," I cried, "Ben, for the third time I have been told that I am wanted at the cross roads, and I am going."

And I began to dress myself as speedily as possible, listening the while to the storm raging wilder and wilder than at any other period ince its commencement.

Ben remonstrated with me in vain. At last he also began to huddle on his clothes. "If you have gone mad, I must go with you

nd take care of you," he said. But fancy another man, going out in

nightmare caused him to do so, and what you I said nothing. All I could have answered

would have been:

"I am compelled to go; I must go. . I dare not refuse, whatever may be thought of me?" In ten minutes we were splashing through the mud and rain along the road. It was perfectly dark; now and then a blazing red star in the distance told us that a lamp beaming through the rain in some cottage window, but otherwise we would not have been conscious of our proximity to any habita-"You don't know the time, sir?" he asked. tion whatever. At last, nearing the spot "It was seven when I left the train at where the road from S-crosses the road to P-,wo were indeed in as solitary a place as can be imagined.

> The house, which abutted on the very angle of the roads, called in familiar parlance the Cross Road, was the only one for some distauce in either direction, and certainly on such a night we were not likely to meet many travelers.

All was quiet as the grave. We stood quite still. In a moment, B. broke out in one of

"Well," he said, "how now?"-Will you go home now and have another nightmare?"

But hardly had the words escaped his lips, when a shrick broke on the air and a woman's voice, plainly coming from the interior of the cottage, cried: "Help! help! help!"

"Ben," said I, "we are wanted at the cross roads," and then understanding each other. without more words we made our way to the window, through which a light shone. A muslin curtain draped the panes, but through it we saw an awful sight.

An old man lay on the floor, and over him lowed his example. But I did not sleep long bent a ruffian, clutching his throat, and hold-

nisted to his ear, while another man

were wanted at the cross roads."

The old man was not a miser, but he had saved some few thousand dollars for his old dare sit with it there all night, and let age, and living more plainty then he need have nothing drive you from your post, you will not done, had given rise to the rumor, and so ask me to marry you again in vain." brought the burglars to the cross roads in the hope of booty.

The girl, a beautiful creature of seventeen, "Nothing."

I was on my feet once more, and caught was his grand-daughter, and as no story is "Arethese all the conditions you can offer Ben's hand as he came over towards my bed. acceptible to the lady reader without a flavor me, Harbars ?" off" , 7d one of mailte and of romance, I will tell them, that she became the Alla And if you get frightened, you need in after years, not my wife, but the wife of never look me in the face again. how ted! my darling brother Ben.

Three Brave Men.

Pretty Barbara Ferros would not marry Her mother was in consternation.

"Why are you so stubborn, Barbara?" she asked, "you have plenty of lovers, I

"But they do not suit mo," said Barbara.

"Why not ?" "I want, when I marry, a man who is brave, equal to any emergency. If I give up my liberty, I want to be taken care of."

"Silly child! what is the matter with big Barney, the blacksmith? "He is big, but I never learned that he was

brave" "And you never heard that he was not. What is the matter with Earnest, the gun-

"He's as placid as goat's milk."

"That is no sign that he is a coward. There, is little Fritz, the tanner : he is quarrelsome enough for you, surely ?" "He is no bigger than a bantam cock. It

is little he could do if the house was set upon "It's not always strength that wins a fight ny girl. It takes brains as well as brawn .-

Come, now, Barbara, give these young fellows fair trial." Barbara turned her face before the mirror, letting down one raven tress and looping up

"I will, mother," said she at last.

That evening, Earnest, the gunsmith knocked early at the door.

"You sent for me Barbara?" he said going to the girl, who stood upon the hearth, coquet-, himself that it was the wind, blowing through

"Well Barbara." Earnest spoke quietly, but his dark blue eyes flashed, and he looked at her intently.

"I want to test you." hard faront at

"I want to see if you dare do a very disagreeable thing." "What is it !"

"There is an old coffin up stairs. It smells week; and it was finally taken from the tomb, It is up stairs in the room my grandsire died in, and they say grandsire does not rest easy in his grave for some reason, though that I know nothing about. Dare you make that coffin your bed to-night?" Earnest laughed.

"Is that all? I will that, and sleep soundly. Why, pretty one, did you think I had weak nerves?"

"Your nerves will have good proof if you undertake it. Remember, no one sleeps in that wing of the house."

"I shall sleep the sounder. I will send a lad to show you the chamber. . If you stay until morning," said imperious Miss Barbara. with a nod of her pretty head, "I will marry

"You vow it?"

Earnest turned straightway and followed truth. The said And wolf the lad in waiting through dim rooms and passages, up echoingstairs, along narrow, damp ways, where rats scatter before them, to a low chamber. The boy looked pale and scared, and evidently wanted to hurry away; but Earnest made him wait until he took a survey of the room by the aid of his lamp. It was very large and full of recesses, with high windows in them, which were barred across, He remembered that old Grandsire Ferros had been insane for several years before his death. so that this precaution had beed necessary for the safety of himself and others. In the centre of the room stood a coffin; beside it was placed a chair. The room was otherwise perfeetly empty. I care and attached and a

Earnest stretched himself in the coffin. "Be kind enough to tell Miss Barbara that

it's a very good fit," he said. The boy went out and shut the door, leav-

ing the young gunsmith alone in the dark. Meanwhile, Barbara was talking with the big blacksmith in the keeping-room.

"Barney," said she, pulling her hands away from his grasp when he would have kissed her, "I've a test to put to you before I give you any answer. There is a corpse lying in the untenanted wing of the house. If you

"You will give me a light and a bottle of wine, and a book to read?"

"Plitake then, then Res", ton His 19

So Barney was conducted to his post by the lad who had been instructed in the secre. and whose cillvoluntary store at Earnest's placid face as it lay, in the coffin was interpreted by Barney to be natural awe of a corpse He took his seat, and the boy left him alone with the darkness, the rats and the coffin.

Soon after, young Fritz, the tanner, arrived, flattered and hopeful, from the fact that Barcooly, tying back her curls before the mirror! bara and sent for him, goods was only it

"Have you changed your mind, Barbara ?" the askode or oils aloga sew ", serus 30" 1 "No; and I shall not until I know that you

can do a really brave thing?' and 11.77 "What shall it be? I swear to satify you, Bufbarn West and to asked add on sending?

"Have a proposal to make you! My plan requires skill as well as courage." de ody ries do cen believe that gentlem Har

"Well, in this house is a man watching by se... He has sworn not to leave his post until morning. If you can make him do it, I shall be satisfied that you are as smart and as brave as I require a husband to being fire

"Why; nothing is so easy!" exclaimed Fritz. I om scare him away. Furnish me with a sheet! show me the room, and go to your rest, Barbers. You shall find me at the post in the

Barbara did as required, and saw the tanner step blithly away to his task. It was then nearly twelve o'clock, and she sought her ownchamper, quickly, sailoch sparoza od T

Barney was sitting at his vigil, and, so far, all hid been well. The night seemed very long, for he had no means of counting the At times a thrill went through him, for it seemed as if he could hear low, suppressed beathing not far away; but he persuaded tishly warming one pretty foot and then the other.

"Yes, Earnest," she replied. "I've been thinking of what you said the other night.

it a famine were upon them and they smelled dead flesh, The thought made him shudder. He got up and walked about, but something made a slight noise, as if somebudy was bet hind him, and he put his chair with its back against the wall, and sat down again. He had been hard at work all day, and at last, in spite of everything, he grew sleepy. Finally he nolded and snored."

Suddenly it seemed as if konoling of mold. They say Redmond, the murderer, touched him. He awoke with a start, and was buried in it; but the devil came for his saw nobody near, though in the centre of the body and left the coffin empty at the end of a room stood a white figure. . sharing of of "Curse you, get out of this " he exclaimed

his tonguo. xee lo topecone do besuler ersw. The figure held up its right arm and slowly approached him. He started to his feet. The spectre came nearer, nearer, pressing him into

"The d-I take you!" cried Barney, in his extremity, and on steam orb granitash!

Involuntarily he stopped back i still the figure advanced, coming pearer and nearer, and extending both arms, as if to take him in a ghastly embrace. The bair started up on Barney's head; he grew desperate, and just as the gleaming arms would have touched him. he fell upon the ghost like a whirlwind, tearing off the sheet, thumping, pounding beating and kicking, more and more enraged at the resistance he met, which told him the

As the reader knows, he was big, and Fritz was little; and while he was pummeling the little tanner unmercifully, and Fritz was trying in vain to get a lunge at Barney's stomach, to take the wind out of him, both plunging and kicking like horses, they were petrified by hearing a voice ery : "Take one of your size, Big Barney!"

Looking around they saw the corpse sitting up in his coffin. This was too much. They released each other and sprang for the door. They never knew how they got out; but they ran home in hot haste, panting-like stags.

It was Barbara herself who came and opened the door upon Earnest the next morning. "It's very early; one more little nap," said he turning over in the coffin.

So she married him; and though she sent Fritz and Barney invitations to the wedding, they did not appear. If they discovered the trick, they kept the knowledge to themselves. and never willingly faced Barbara's laughing eyes again on words advalid W you

A box containing \$100,000, which had been taken from the vaults of the Safe Deposit Company was stolen from a real estate agent's office in New York on Wednesday. The thief was pursued, but not caught. A Boston house lately received a dispatch

the surety or the second

General Lee as College President.

Dr. Bagby writes as, follows to a paper in Lexington, Va; in regard to General Lee:

le Here it will be in place to relate that on my return from Lexington; a gentleman in the coach expressed the fear that General Lee's tilliness of heart, and his desire to enlarge the college might, perhaps, make him too lenient, and possibly, lower the scholastic standard. " To quiet his fears, I told him what had been told me a few days before by a clergyman residing in Loxington. mount says base

"General Loe's office," said he, "is no sincourer His work taxes to the utmost his pow erful constitution. He registers in his mind not only the face but the name of each of the four hundred and ten students. Nor is that all. He can tell you the standing of each student in the several branches which he studies, and any neglect of duty is promptly pun-

"Punished !" I exclaimed:

"Yes," said he, "in General Lee's own way." "How is that?" I inquired .-

Well, hot long since anyoung friend mine, who is in the college, confessed to me that he had been, as he expressed it, "hauled up"-that is, he had received a message to the effect that the President desired to see him in

"Did General Lee lecture you?" No, lideed." a al . arom Lawrence The Same, ele voy bloss of billion

"Scold! I only wish he had." He talked to hie so kindly that he nearly broke my heart, and you don't eatch me in there again, I tell

That is "General Lee's way," not like Stonewall Jackson's, but quite as effectual in college as was Jackson's in the army. If we add to this personal supervision of each individual student, the labor of correspondence (a great deal of which cannot be taken off his hands) and other duties, we may understand rounds of the papers a few months ago, of the General's falling health, should have credence. He has improved very much of late, but doos not present that robust appearance to which our eyes were accustomed during the war.

HEALTH OF FARMERS. There are seven reasons why farmers are, healthier than pro- railroad centre of the South a vi fessional men, vizities consider toff foll-

1. They work more and develope all th leading nuveles of the body oradid oved 26 They take their exercise in the open all

and breathe a greater amount of oxygen. in a fright, using the first words that came to 13. Their food and drinks are commonly less adulterated, and far more simple, manual They do not overwork their brain as much as industrious, professional men do.,

5. They take their sleep, commonly during the hours of darkness, and do not try to turn nightainto day. word manual adl't defor They are not so .. mbitions, and | not wear themselves out so rapidly in the fierce

contest of rivalry, and bother delide mil 7. Their pleasures are simple and less ex that they would leave Hagerst guitauad

FOR SALE-As Good Hir. Then Grand Army" sorganization at Evansville, Indiana, having been beaten out of all countenance at the theent election, the Courier of that place winds un the concern by advertising its effects for sale in the following terms:

Two thousand army blankets, (of best black cambric) rates a

Two thousand knapsacks.

Two thousand paper belts. Two thousand pasteboard cartridge boxes.

Two thousand tin rifles (extra bead). Two thousand pairs of pants (wounded in

Two thousand coats (buttons all over 'em). Two thousand pairs of shoes (soleless from tramp, tramp, tramp," about the streets).

Two thousand copies of "We'll hang Jeff.

Davis on a Sour Apple tree, &c." Two thousand "Down with the Traitors Up with the Stars" (very cheap), and other paraphernalia belonging to the effects of the ate Royal Grand Army of the Republic.

"Mother," said a little follow, the other night, tis there, any harm in breaking egg

shells?" In Hix 1st Hixt seg-"Certainly not, my dear; but why aide you

"Cause I dropped the basket just now, and see what a mess I'm in with the yolks?"

TA terrible avalanche of rocks recently occurred near the Notch House, on Mount Mansfield, White Mountains. One rock weighing more than one hundred tons fell, crashing from Calcutta in less than twenty-four hours: its way over and through the forest a thousand Three horse thieves, two white mid one feet or more cutting the trees of like pipestems, inspecting the water works, with a view to inblack, were lately hing in Grayson county, the finally longed within ten rods of the Texas. two goated or hige one god elevelt

Durant; Wisconsin; is called the onion city

Gold and allver only are current at Best

126 feet longitured as Are'l wat A Swedish Professor makes brandy out refudeer moss.

Ten Broeck has been largely importing more racing stock.

Her Madagascarian Majasty has suppressed

death of his wife holder and brildT

Grau has introduced the English half-price system at New York of no free and Chicago is boasting of the great sheess of

Minnesota wants another \$96,000 deide across the Mississippi. Paris supports 300 female printers and 30

The campaign artillery of the French; army consists of 1,200 cannon I labour half

Persecution of the Jews is lagain, reported from Galatz, Moldavia. How sew cal-

Alderman James Laurence is the elected Lord Mayor of London.

An Associated Press is being formed by the English provincial papers, bornique acert Bulwer enjoys the reputation of being the

It is said velocipedes have cut down the re-

Blemen resident there integrous desmote In 1866 there were 1,890 deaths from smale bite in Madras Presidency,

Three men from the wrecked steamer J. C. Dearing have arrived at Quebec . ner bus Train are ranning 825 miles dast of Shernmento on the Central Pacific Railroad. sno

The Treasury Conscience Fund, for the rest five years amounts to \$96,692, A late Quarterly Review estimates the pop ulation of the world at 1,850,200,000.

There are three hundred and sixty stillions nowspapers in the United States and at II The New York Union League Club has

Napoleon wants a new National Hymn, but Erance won't sing a bymn to him toll out

appointed Spanish minister to Francei Fayette county, Ky., boasts a calf with two

Man" in that city is a newspaper man toq A young lady recently flogged a man whe

The tailors of New York have, received at advance of ten per cent, on their wages.

Fifty negro and mulatto families are among the wealthy "first circles" of Paris, alldanse

hished under the head of "new music." A Woman's Suffrage Con antion is to be

Counciscurs say August Belmont gives, the post dinners in New York.

Fifty dollars was paid for a single seat at the Kellogg concert in New York. I warm

Beecher persuaded \$1000 out of his congr gation for the African Church South, last

Braxton Bragg was in Cincinnati renently troducing improvements in those of New Or. leans, over which he presides a had bear

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1868.

READING MATTER ON EVERY PA

Texas is again plagued with grasshoppers. Velvet coats are coming into fashion. Kentucky has raised a twenty five pound

Some weather-wise people predict a hard

Kansas has discovered a petrified crocodi

Eight New York Theatres made \$125,844 during last August. / 104

Victor Hugo is very melancholy since the

its evening schools! betrefe abatduobau

female proof readers, there out blattenbal

A snake's skeleton with 982 joints, has been dug up in Tennessee mitaloginear lesibest

French protestants unmber 1,200,000, ex clusive of those in Algiers, out of

homeliest man in Parliamention beautimos. Houston, Texas, expects to be the great

ceipts of the Paris omnibuses in dualis time New York is boasting of two Russian Hobbs

bought Jerome's private theatre.

It is reported that Senor Oleosaga will be

perfectly formed feet on the same leg. The Chicago Post says the "Wickeden

usulted her in a New York street car.

An old bacheler suggests that births be pub

held at Boston about the mide of November. White men bare gone stateds the

A life of President Johnson, it is said is be ing written by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens.

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